

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RONALD
WALDEN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with a sad heart that I rise to mourn the passing of Ronald Walden from Durango, CO. Ronald was a dedicated teacher and talented baseball coach and recruiter. It is my privilege to recognize and pay tribute to his service to the Durango community and the state of Colorado before this body of Congress and this Nation.

At age 15, Ronald was the youngest person ever certified to coach Little League Baseball. Ronald's interest in the sport grew, and when he graduated with a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, he began coaching baseball and teaching at Durango High School. He amassed an impressive record of accomplishments as a coach, which included over 200 victories.

Ronald also served as a scout for several Major League Baseball teams, and additionally worked with the University of Arizona, and Arizona State coaches to recruit quality players. His love for the Durango area, and the kids that he coached was evident with his volunteering in the community. Ronald wrote the grant for the Drivers Simulator and Range for Charleston High School, and authored a new health, safety and driver education program for Durango that was used as a model for other state programs.

Mr. Speaker, Ronald Walden was a dedicated coach who put his heart and soul into his love for baseball and bettering his Durango community. The student body and faculty of Durango High School will surely miss his guidance and enthusiasm for life and the sport of baseball. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 2004, I missed rollcall vote No. 533. Rollcall vote 533 was on S. 2302, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 533.

THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932 TO
1933

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932 to 1933.

The horrors of famine are often brought about by droughts, floods or other natural oc-

currences, but the deaths of more than 7 million Ukrainian men, women and children during this period were the direct result of deliberate policy decisions by a repressive government.

Seeking to suppress Ukrainian aspirations for independence, the government of the former Soviet Union ruthlessly imposed forced collectivization and grain seizures. Survivors have spoken of eating bark and weeds to subsist, of the desolation of entire villages, and of Red Army soldiers going door-to-door throughout villages confiscating food and livestock. Witnesses testified that the harvests of the early 1930s were bountiful, and while innocents starved in the streets, Soviet soldiers guarded storehouses full of grain.

For decades after these events, the deaths were covered up and this man-made tragedy was denied by Joseph Stalin and the government of the Soviet Union. Even today, with first-hand testimony and overwhelming evidence, including the final report of the congressionally mandated U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine, there are still those who seek to deny the truth.

Each year, we in Congress join with Ukrainians around the world to remember and honor the victims of this atrocity. Through public recognition of the Ukrainian Famine, we work to ensure this senseless cruelty against humankind is not forgotten, and that its remembrance may help to prevent such tragedies in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION
OF THE GREAT FALLS
FREEDOM MEMORIAL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, which was dedicated on November 13 on the Great Falls Community Library grounds. I was pleased to join in the dedication of this memorial, honoring those residents of Great Falls, Virginia, who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

The memorial was proposed by a 17-member Freedom Memorial Committee, headed by retired U.S. Marine COL Pete Hilgartner, to honor local residents who have given of themselves in service while defending liberty. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the project's concept in September 2003.

The plaza on the Great Falls Community Library grounds has a three-stone monument as the centerpiece. The large center stone will be inscribed with the words: "The Community of Great Falls, Virginia Honors Those Who Have Given of Themselves in Service to the Cause of Liberty and Freedom." In addition, the granite curb encircling the memorial plaza will be inscribed with words that highlight some of the principles and virtues held by those who give of themselves in the cause of liberty and freedom every day.

A book on permanent display in the library, titled "Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll," includes the names of members of the armed forces, firefighters, police officers, the six Great Falls residents who died in the Sep-

tember 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and others dating from the Civil War who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the cause of liberty. The common thread among them is residency in the Great Falls community. The stand which houses the honor roll book was created by Glenn Sjoblom, a resident of the Great Falls community.

The dedication ceremony included presentations of thanks to those who made the project possible, musical performances by the Amadeus Brass Ensemble and the King Ringers from Christ the King Lutheran Church, presentation of national, state and county flags that will fly over the memorial, and the reading of names of those honored with this memorial. The Honorable Theodore Olson, former U.S. solicitor general who resides in Great Falls, addressed the gathering. Ted's wife Barbara, whose name is among those on the Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll, was on flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon the morning of September 11, 2001.

I would like to share the names of those inscribed on the Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll:

Civil War: Private James Ballenger; Thomas Coleman, Civilian; Second Lieutenant Arthur W. Follin; Sergeant William R. Follin; Private Joseph Gunnell; Private Samuel Jenkins; Private F. Thomas Reid; Second Lieutenant George W. Swink; Major James W. Thrift; Private W. T. Tucker; Private John T. Walker; Private George L. Williams, and Private James W. Williams.

World War II: Sergeant (USAAF) George Frame; Private (USA) Robert Girard; Private First Class (USA) Harry Kanmermier; Second Lieutenant (USMC) Eugene Niswander, and Private First Class (USA) Ross Robey Poole.

September 11, 2001, Attack on the Pentagon: First Lieutenant Richard P. Gabriel, USMC, Retired; Ann C. Judge; Barbara K. Olson; Lisa J. Raines; Diane M. Simmons, and George W. Simmons.

In addition to Ted Olson, I also would like to recognize the following individuals who were part of the dedication ceremony: the Honorable Joan M. DuBois, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Honor Guard; the Honorable Stu Mendelsohn, former member, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Amadeus Brass Ensemble and their director, Paul Ward; Reverend Paul Gysan of the Christ the King Lutheran Church; Pete Hilgartner, chairman of the Great Falls Memorial Committee; Mike Kearney, Co-Committee Construction chair; Milburn Sanders; Glen Sjoblom; Sam Clay; Roger Sudduth; Honorable Vince Callahan, Virginia House of Delegates; Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Boy Scout Troop No. 1577, led by Grant Johnson, Eagle Scout candidate and Co-Committee Construction chairman, and the Kings Ringers and their Director, Jane Cooper.

I would also like to recognize the hard working individuals who are responsible for the creation of this memorial. The members of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee are Pete Hilgartner, chairman; Beau Dietrich, Marge Gersic, Paul Gysan, Sara Hilgartner, Ellen Johnson, Grant Johnson, Michael Kearney, Linda Lammersen, Bob Pattavina, Janet Pattavina, Andrew Pendergrass, Milburn Sanders, Katayoon Shaya, Glen Sjoblom, Bill Ten Eyck, Nancy Wilson, and also Merritt Peters, with Paciulli Simmons & Associates, who

created the design for the logo; Dave Jackson with Zadmer Enterprises, the general contractor, and Luis Lopez with Fairfax County Department of Public Works, who will be responsible for maintaining the plaza.

Finally, I would like to recognize the sponsors who contributed to making the memorial possible. Benefactors were Fine Landscaping, William and Gina Luraschi, Pete and Sara Hilgartner, the Allen Family, Luck Stone, Elizabeth S. Hooper Foundation, Totaro & Associates, William and Mary Callan, Seneca Excavating, M. Sheila and Torn Rabaut, and Foley Construction. Patrons were Thomas Hoffman, Turner Construction, Virginia Ground Cover, Hanover Architectural Products, Zadmer Enterprises, Great Falls Electric and Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc.

I am inserting for the RECORD a news article from The Times Community Newspaper which reports on the dedication of the memorial and the ceremony held last week.

[From the Times Community Newspaper,
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FREEDOM MEMORIAL DEDICATED IN GREAT
FALLS

(By Beverly Crawford)

The long-awaited Freedom Memorial in Great Falls was dedicated Saturday with an hour-long celebration that featured government officials and comments by former U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson.

Dranesville Supervisor Joan DuBois (R) presided over a ceremony that included U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th), Del. Vincent Calhahan (R-34th), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D), Dranesville Library Board Representative Roger Sudduth, Fairfax County Library Director Sam Clay and former Dranesville Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn, who launched the initiative during his second term. Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin was also among the guests.

"My mission here today is to tell you a little bit about this committee," said Pete Hilgartner, a former U.S. Marine officer who proposed the memorial and chaired the 20-member committee that designed the memorial and raised some \$100,000 to pay for it.

Hilgartner thanked each of the committee members individually: vice chairman Mike Kearney; Luis Lopez, of Fairfax County's Department of Public Works; Katayoon Shaya, of the Department of Planning and Development; Mark Peters; Linda Lammersen; Paul Gysan; Beau Dietrich; Marge Gersic; Boy Scout Grant Johnson and his mother, Ellen; Bob and Janet Pattavina; Nancy Wilson; Bill TenEyck; Glen Sjoblom; Milburn Sanders; Hilgartner's wife, Sara; and Andrew Pendergrass.

Hilgartner said that, when he organized the committee, "We recognized fairly quickly that we had a unique group of people" whose patience and ability to work together saw the project through.

"I am so proud of you on my committee that I can't see straight," Hilgartner said. "You have forever made a difference in my life."

"This project would not have happened without Mike Kearney," he said.

Kearney thanked the Allen family on River Bend Road for donating the rock that forms the centerpiece of the memorial, and he thanked Betty Nalls Swartz, their neighbor, for proposing that it be used.

Kearney said the money raised by Brogue Charities was topped off with a \$15,000 matching donation from the Elizabeth S. Hooper Foundation. Local businesses donated money and in-kind services for the memorial.

Sanders, one of Dranesville's representatives to the Fairfax County History Commission, identified the names for an "honor roll" of 13 Civil War soldiers who died at the Battle of Dranesville on Dec. 20, 1861; five people who died in World War II; and the six people from Great Falls who died Sept. 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

Mendelsohn read each of their names as a member of the King Ringers, a handbell choir, sounded a bell for each name. "They gave all they had to keep us free," Mendelsohn said.

Hilgartner and DuBois placed a wreath at the memorial, and a ribbon was cut to symbolize its opening.

The flags of the United States, Virginia and Fairfax County were raised by members of Boy Scout Troop 1577.

Olson said his wife, Barbara, and the five other people from Great Falls were "viciously wrenched from ordinary acts of living" on Sept. 11, 2001.

"They were instruments of monstrous acts of violence," wrought by people who slaughtered "the most innocent and vulnerable among us to show their anger," Olson said.

Six weeping cherry trees were planted at the entrance to the memorial to commemorate their lives.

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ASSO- CIATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Native American Youth Association (NAYA) for thirty years of diligent work in serving the Native community in the Portland Metropolitan area. Aiding Native American youth and families, NAYA Family Center has answered an important call to reach the urban Indian population in Portland, estimated to be 31,000 people strong.

As Native American high school students experience a dropout rate 13.3 percent higher than the national average, the need for youth intervention is clear. NAYA Family Center has tirelessly pursued these issues with a focus on providing the cultural, educational, family, economic, spiritual, and leadership resources necessary to deliver service to this important population.

NAYA worked as a volunteer-based service provider for 20 years, incorporating as an official 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1994. Now, in 2004, thirty years from the beginning, it is my honor to recognize the organization's first "Celebrating Native American Month" development dinner.

HONORING STEPHEN NADAL

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Stephen Nadal, who passed away on November 5 at the young age of 35. Mr. Nadal made great

contributions to the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community throughout his lifetime, and he will be fondly remembered by his family, friends and members of the community whose lives he touched. Stephen is survived by his fiancé and mother.

Stephen spent several years working for nonprofit organizations, and he successfully coordinated several projects focused on social justice. His efforts focused on empowering the APIA community, and he worked tirelessly to educate the public about the importance of voting and community involvement.

Stephen most recently served as the coordinator for the APIA Vote 2004 project in the great state of Washington. APIA Vote 2004 is a national coalition of non-partisan nonprofit organizations that encourages civic participation and promotes a better understanding of public policy and the electoral process among the APIA community.

Stephen's contributions to this organization were instrumental in mobilizing APIA voters in Washington for the 2004 election. Through his untiring efforts, over 1600 APIAs in the state were contacted, with nearly 900 APIA individuals pledging to vote in the election.

Additionally, Stephen coordinated an AIDS awareness campaign in the state of Washington and successfully organized several events that spread public awareness of AIDS while raising funds for nonprofit AIDS organizations. He also helped build Art Corps, a nonprofit organization that provides excellent arts education opportunities to young people.

For his outstanding devotion and service to his community, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Stephen Nadal. Although he will be greatly missed, Stephen will forever be remembered for his constant commitment and motivation. He is truly an inspiration to us all.

A SALUTE TO WRHI AND WRHM

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to salute two radio stations that have brought years of broadcasting excellence to the citizens of North and South Carolina. On December 14, 2004, WRHI marks its 60th anniversary, and its sister station, WRHM, joins in celebrating its 40th anniversary.

WRHI, 1340 AM, serves much of York County, South Carolina, including my hometown of York. I was two years old when it first went on the air in 1944, and, I'm proud to say; its been a part of my life and a bedrock of our community ever since.

WRHM, 107 FM, covers 15 counties, from the Upstate to the State Capital, and from Rockingham to York.

WRHI and WRHM have prospered all these years because of people like Manning Kimmel and Allan Miller. Together, they make up the leadership of Our Three Sons Broadcasting. They acquired WRHI in 1984 and WRHM in 1987, and along with their cracker jack staff, they have spent years making sure the stations were top-notch facilities. But above keeping pace with technology, they've kept pace with their community. As Manning says, "We have an obligation to be its voice, to discuss